

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 798

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Hannah Williams, 2008
Valedictorian of Seymour High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Hannah Williams is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Seymour High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Williams has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Hannah has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Beta Club, Spanish Club, choir, and mixed ensemble; and

WHEREAS, in addition, she participated in the 2006 Festival of Gold in New York City, the 2007 Maryville Math Competition, attended the 2008 ACDA Convention, was a contributing author in her school's literary magazine, and performed in the Seymour High School production of *Little Shop of Horrors*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams's estimable leadership skills have enabled her to serve as an FCA Leader and DECA Club Vice President, and she has also served as a KARM volunteer, Compassion International child sponsor, and chaperone for Junior Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her singular achievements, this exceptional young woman has been inducted into the National Honor Society and has been listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, as well as *Who's Who in Foreign Language*; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, Ms. Williams has endeavored to serve her fellow citizens through volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, Hannah's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at Carson-Newman College, from which she has received a Fite Scholarship, the Carson-Newman Award, Honors Program Scholarship, and Dean's Honors Scholarship in addition to the Hope Scholarship, and the General Assembly Merit Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Hannah's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Scott and Yvonne Williams, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Hannah Williams, 2008 Seymour High School Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.